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1. In March 1950 a number of engineers arrived in South Kwangtung with a large consignment of railway material. They are to construct a new Kwangtung-Kwangsi rail line which is intended to complete a network for the southwestern provinces of China. The line will start at Haiying (Fort Bayard (110-24, 21-11) and run through Yulinhsien (110-08, 22-38) to Liuchou (109-16, 24-18) where it will connect with the Kwangsi-Hunan and Kwangsi-Kueichou railways. Work on the southern branch is to be completed during 1950. In early May rails and other equipment were being shipped into Kuangchowwan (110- , 20-).
2. On 17 May in Canton Kwangtung and Kwangsi authorities were discussing this line and another line which is to be constructed between Liuchou and Nanning (108-18, 22-48). The Communist Ministry of Railways has appointed SHIH Ch'i-t'ien (石 錢 天) as a special commissioner to Canton to take charge of the discussions, assisted by Gonorev,* a Soviet adviser, and Shchedrovsklen,* a Soviet engineer.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. This is a conjectural romanization from Chinese phonetics: Zé-ho-ho-fu (弋 諸 賀 夫) and Shih-chia-te-wei-po-lan (士 加 特 維 勃 蘭).

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